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है ? किस के खिलाफ क्या एकशन लिया गया है कुछ पता नहीं । धनपति बहुमंजिले मकान बना रहे हैं । उन पर भी बकाया पड़ा है । गरीब आदमी पर बकाया पड़े तो बात समझ में आ सकती है । लेकिन गरीब आदमी को तो बकाया रहने पर जेल में हवालात में रहना पड़ता है लेकिन बहुमंजिले भवन बनाने वाले लोगों पर से बकाया किराये वसूल नहीं किए जा रहे हैं केवल चार कालोनियों के 7 हजार 576 ऐसे केसेज हैं--ईस्ट पटेल नगर, वेस्ट पटेल नगर, निज्जामुद्दीन वेस्ट और न्यू राजेन्द्र नगर जहां के किरायों का रिवीजन भी अभी तक नहीं किया गया है और 90 केसेज ऐसे हैं जिनके रेंट के केसेज रिवाइज न होने के कारण 13 लाख 11 हजार रुपए का नुकसान मिनिस्टरी को हुआ है । इसी तरह कम्ट्रोलर एंड आडिटर जनरल ने बताया है कि इन सब में 42 करोड़ रुपए बकाया पड़े हैं । डी० डी० ए०, एन० डी० एम० सी०, आई० टी० डी० सी० को जो होटल बनाने के लिए जमीनें अलाट की गयी हैं रियायती दरों पर उन पर अभी तक होटल नहीं बनाए गए हैं । सरकारी जमीन पर 21 हजार 987 नजाइज कब्जा किए लोग बैठे हुए हैं । उन नजाइज कब्जों से हटाने के लिए कोई ध्यान नहीं दिया गया है। सरकारी जमीन है । बेनामा कोई करता है, मकानात कोई बनाता है । चारचार मंजिले मकान बना लेते हैं तब भी कोई गिराता नहीं है । बाद में जब चार मंजिले बने 7 महीने, 10 महीने, साल भर, दो साल हो जाते हैं तब उसको गिराने का हुक्म देते हैं । यह सब भ्रष्टाचार के आधार पर हो रहा है । सितम्बर, 1984 से 18 हजार केसेज ऐसे हैं जिसकी तरफ किसी का ध्यान नहीं गया । वे भी बढ़ हैं । आज तक किसी उनकी ओर ध्यान नहीं दिया । जो जमीन डी० डी० ए० ने एक्वायर की किसानों ने इस जमीन को उन्होंने प्राइवेट गैस का गोडाउन बनाने के लिए लोगों को दे दिया है और उन पर भी किराया बाकी है उनसे कोई वसूली नहीं हो रही है । और उन पर जो किराया बाकी है उसे वसूल कोई नहीं करता है ! वहां पर दस केसेज एटरेंडम चैक किए गए तो यह पाया गया कि जिन शर्तों पर जमीन एलाट की गई थी उन शर्तों का उल्लंघन करके लोगों ने मकान बनाए, किराया नहीं दिया और कोई वसूल करने भी नहीं गया । ये सब बातें आपके द्वारा सरकार तक मैं इसलिए पहुचाना चाहता हूं कि जो लैन्ड और डेवलमपमेंट अथोरिटी है और शहरी विकास मंत्रालय के अन्तर्गत है, उस में भारी अनियमितताएं हैं और भारी भ्रष्टाचार है । उसकी ओर किसी का ध्यान नहीं है । मैं चाहता हूं कि जन हित में इसकी ओर ध्यान दिया जाय और इन अनियमितताओं को दूर किया जाय और सही रूप से कार्य को चलाया जाय ।

**श्री राम चन्द्र विकल** (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदया, मैं इसका समर्थन करता हूं । मैं चाहे डी० डी० ए० हो, जी० डी० ए० हो या नोएडा हो, गरीब किसानों की जमीन ले ली जाती है और दूसरी तरफ जमीन के नाम पर बहुत बड़ा व्यापार हो रहा है । यह बहुत बड़ा भ्रष्टाचार है । इस तरफ तुरन्त ध्यान दिया जाना चाहिए ।

**Reported Theft of Files pertaining to Bofors Deal from the Defence Department Officers**

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI (Madhya Pradesh): Madam Deputy Chairman, I wish to invite the attention of the House to an extremely distrubing report that has been published by the Business Standard of Calcutta.

**श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा** (उत्तर प्रदेश) : जैकब साहब, इधर ध्यान दीजिये ।

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: I wish the Defence Minister were here.

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY (Uttar Pradesh) Mr. Pantji is here.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: He is sitting in the back bench. He is

very much here. In a short while from now, this House is going to discuss the Bofors issue. This is not directly connected with the aspects of that issue which we are going to discuss. But it is extremely serious. It adds a new dimension to the whole Bofors episode. I would read it out because it is a very brief report It says:

"About 200 confidential files, 50 of these relating to the Bofors Howitzer deal have been stolen from the Defence Headquarters on Dalhousie Road in New Delhi."

It goes on to say:

"The steel grills of the windows were broken to gain entry into the rooms which are located just behind the Prime Minister Secretariat. Acetylene torches were used to cut open the steel safes in which the confidential files were kept."

This is a report published by the Business Standard yesterday. But I understand that the Tribune of Chandigarh, the Hindi edition as well the Vir Arjun of Delhi published the same report a few days back. To the best of my knowledge there has been no contradiction from the Government as yet.

AN. HON. MEMBER: What is the dateline?

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: The dateline is 31st July, The Business Standard is of 1st. The date of theft is not given. But it has been said that the theft has taken place on the eve of the Monsoon Session of Parliament. This is another added information. Now, if the report is unfounded, I would like the Minister to contradict it right at the outset because I have no personal information apart from these three reports and the fact that the report has not been contradicted. But if it is true, then, this merits an investigation by itself, a statement by itself. How has it happened? After all on the face of it, it reminds us of Nixon's notorious Watergate break-in. It was that watergate break-in which started the whole story in Washington and the "Washington Post" exposed it. At the outset the Government denied it altogether. The then President of U.S.A. Nixon denied it and finally it led to a major political upheaval and a political earthquake in the United States. So this particular aspect of the whole problem needs to be clarified first before the debate starts because we would like to know who is responsible for it. Acetylene torches being used indicate that it is not a case of an ordinary theft. Steel safes have been broken into. Who has done it? It can be Bofors itself. It can be Svenska. It can be Moresco. It can be A.E. Services I do not know. But it certainly calls for a thorough investigation and the Government coming clean to the people. In fact, a development of this kind, it should not be left to the Newspapers to discover it. If this has happened on the eve of the Monsoon Session, the Government should have come to Parliament to tell us that this kind of incident has taken place and these are the steps that we are taking. *Suo motu* it should have been done this. Yesterday, a *suo motu* statement on O.N.G.C. was made though it was not entirely *suo motu*. It was the result of the Chairman's telling the Government that "if you do not make a statement on this particular subject, I will admit a special mention" and, therefore, a statement was made on that Statement report. Madam Deputy Chairman, I am grateful to you for permitting to raise this matter and I would request the Government to make a statement on this particular aspect of the problem before the Bofors debate takes place.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY (Karnataka): Madam Deputy Chairman,... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): They should say yes or no.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I do not know. If he wants to say, he can.

...(*Interruption*)...

SHRI N. E. BALARAM (Kerala): Let him say what he has to say.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: I think, he is not prepared to say anything now. I will make just a few observations on this thing. The story is very short indeed. It cannot be large All the details are not given about the files. The only mention made is that 200 files have been taken away as a result of this burglary. Out of this, 50 files belong to Bofors. First, I would like to know what categories of files were kept in that room and would you like to know what are the details of documents which were kept there and which were taken away. In respect of 50 files relating to Bofors, I would like to know whether all the files have been taken away or still some files are left regarding Bofors. Is it 50 files or more? If there are more, I would like to know which of these files deal with what matters in respect of Bofors Gun Deal.

Secondly, I would like to know whether any collusion is involved in this, collusion between some of the elements in the administration and outsiders. If there is any clue, any information in this regard, the House should be taken into confidence. This is a very serious burglary which castes a very wrong impression on the security arrangements and the kind of attention given by the Government in keeping important files. Therefore, Madam, I am not going into the details. I do not know anything. I would just ask my friend, Shri K. C. Pant, if he has got any information to take the House into confidence and tell us the nature of the files.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Madam Deputy Chairman, while associating myself with Mr. L. K. Advani's special mention and sharing his anxiety about the theft having taken place in the Defence Headquarters and taking away the Bofors files by the thieves, Madam, just now, we noticed how the House was surcharged with emotions, having seen how secure our security is. Here is another example of how secure our security system is. It is so secure as there could be burglary in the Defence Headquarters just behind the Prime Minister's Secretariat and the burglars could take away the very important files relating to the Bofors gun deal. So, it is a commentary on the efficiency of our Government, on the efficiency of our security system apart from the fact that certain files were stolen. So, Madam, the Minister of Defence will surely take part in the debate that would come up immediately after the special mention is over on Bofors issue. Bofors replying to other points which Members of this House would raise in that debate. I hope he would reply to this particular disclosure made by certain newspapers.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: He can react even now.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: If he can react now, well and good. But I saw that the Minister of State for Home Affairs wanted some hours in the meantime. That time I want to give him, unless he takes recourse to the Bofors plea that the Government hence forward would not like to comment on newspaper reports. I do not think that Mr. Pant would take recourse to that as Bofors had done in respect of 'The Hindu' revelations. But this is very serious, as serious as the matter which we discussed just now, because it is a commentary on the system, it is a commentary on the efficiency of the Government. If a burglar could enter into the Defence Headquarters, he could enter into the Prime Minister's Secretariat too. They could do anything, whatever they like I am not so concerned with the Bofors files, whether they are important files, classified files or not The fact that a burglar

could enter into the Defence Headquarters in Delhi is a commentary on the efficiency of the Department. So I want a statement from the Minister.

SHRI N. E. BALARAM (Kerala): Madam Deputy Chairman, I fully associate myself with Mr. L. K. Advani's suggestions. In fact I did not see that report in the morning. When I came to Parliament House, I had an occasion to see that report. I do not want to make any comment on that report because I do not know the veracity of that statement, whether it is correct or not.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): Extraordinarily fair. I am seriously conceding that. We have been hearing the others.

SHRI N. E. BALARAM: I am all the more happy if that report is false. I want to say that if the report is not true, I will be the happiest man. There is no doubt about it. The report was shocking to me. When I saw our Minister sitting there, I thought this is the best opportunity to raise the issue. I do not want to go into the merits of all these without knowing the full facts of it. I want to make one request. A statement must come from the side of the Minister. It is not a small matter. The paper may not be of high reputation. I do not want to go into such things. It is a matter reported in a paper. Whatever it may be, we must take it seriously I want the Minister to make a statement on this.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Madam, I will not be long. Mr. Pant has been denying everything relating to Bofors. I know he is going to deny this also. I only request him to deny it as quickly as possible and put an end to our agony.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gopalsamy. Please be as brief as Mr. Upendra.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): The news item that has appeared in the 'Business Standard' gives room for very serious doubts. Therefore, Madam, I would request the hon. Minister to clarify the position right now, here.

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह (बिहार) : महोदया, यह घटना साधारण चिंताजनक नहीं हैं क्योंकि समाज विरोधी तत्वों का हाथ इतना लंबा हो गया है कि हमारे डिफेंस की फाइल भी ले जा सकते है । फिर इससे बढ़कर चिंता की बात क्या हो सकती है और जो वर्णन है उसमे है कि जो हमारी सिक्योरिटी बाहर से है उसमें स्टील ग्रिल्स को हटाया है, तोड़ा है और उसके बाद घुसे हैं फिर वहां से फाइल ले गये है । इसका मतलब है कि हमारी सारी सिक्योरिटी कुछ है ही नहीं । ऐसा नहीं कि कोई धीरे से आया और फाइल निकालकर लेकर चला गया यूजुअल कोर्स में आया और चला गया ? लेकिन रिपोर्ट है कि स्टील ग्रिल्स को तोड़कर फाइल को निकालते है और ले जाते हैं इसका मतलब है कि काफी समय लगा होगा । तो उतने समय तक हमारा कोई आदमी वहां नहीं था और अगर था तो उसके मेल से जरूर यह बात हुई है । इसलिए यह बहुत गंभीर बात है और इस पर बहुत विस्तार से जांच पड़ताल करके आज अभी नहीं तो कल तक शाम तक बयान दें । कल तक भी बयान दे लेकिन विस्तार से दे ।

श्री राम नरेश यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश): माननीय उपसभापति महोदया, माननीय आडवाणी जी ने जिस महत्वपूर्ण प्रश्न को उठाया है वह बहुत ही गभीर विषय है क्योंकि नित्य यह देखा जा रहा है कि सरकार और सरकारी मशीनरी इतनी भ्रष्टाचार में डूबी हुई है और इसे जब सारा देश सुनता है तो चिंतित और दुखी हो जाता है । यह ऐसा महत्वपूर्ण प्रश्न है कि इस पर सरकार को स्वयं ही आगे आकर बयान देना चाहिए था और अब तक कार्यवाही करनी चाहिए थी । इसके लिए भी सरकार दोषी है ऐसा लगता है कि सरकार जान-बूझकर सारे मामलों पर जैसे पर्दा डालत

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रही है वैसे ही इस पर भी पर्दा डालने का काम कर रही है । इसलिए मेरा सरकार से कहना है कि सरकार जैसे पिछले दिनों भी बयान देकर सारे मामलों में जनता को गुमराह कर रही है वैसे ही इसमें भी जनता और सदन को गुमराह न करे और खुलकर सामने आकर सारे तथ्यों को सदन के सामने रखे ताकि जनता कहीं पर भी गुमराह न रह जाये और जनता को जानकारी हो सके तथा सदन भी अवगत हो सके । मैं इस संबंध में माननीय आडवाणी जी ने जो प्रश्न रखा है उससे अपने को एसोसियेट करता हूं ।

SHRI K. C. PANT: I respect Advaniji as a very responsible leader of the Opposition. He has just now read out something from a newspaper. Then he has built upon it. He has spoken of the Nixon affair in the United States. He has dramatised it. I think he will concede that if he had really wanted this information, all he had to do was to give me notice yesterday and say, 'I am going to raise this point, I would like to know facts', or even ask me, 'Please let me know facts; otherwise, I may be driven to wrong conclusions'. Any of the other friends who were interested in this piece of information could have asked me, in fairness—I think this is not unfair—rather than screen it in this manner. But since they have raised it...

SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: This is not an ordinary matter.

SHRI K. C. PANT:

फिर क्या बात कर रहे हैं ।

Therefore, all the more the reason to give me advance notice...

SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: That is why it must be brought to the House.

SHRI K. C. PANT: And you don't think advance notice should be given!

The second point, now that they have asked me, so many Members have asked me, I do not know why you gave this kind of latitude in a matter like this, when somebody asks to mention a matter...

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: It is a reflection on the Chair.

SHRI K. C. PANT: It is for you, Madam, to...

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: He is commenting on your discretion.

श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी : मैं शुरु से कह रहा हूं कि अगर गलत है तो अभी कन्ट्राडिक्ट करें इस समय कन्ट्राडिक्शन नहीं करते हैं ।

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: It is not a question of latitude. Use the word 'permission'.

1.00 P.M.

SHRI K. C. PANT: It requires her permission and not my permission... (*Interruptions*)... It requires her permission. It requires the Chair's permission. But I am entitled to make an observation as an old Member of Parliament. It is not for or against. It is what I think a bit of change in the procedure and I am entitled to comment on it... (*Interruptions*)...I do not know. I have not seen this earlier Let me put it that way... (*Interruptions*)...If it is to be done, it is for the Chair to decide and it is for the House to decide. Tomorrow, you can change the rules and I am not going to stand in the way. I am not even a Member of this House. I come here because I am a Minister; I come here as a Minister. But I have been a Member of this House also and I have been here when perhaps Mr. Upendra was also not here. I have been and I have seen the proceedings for a long time. So, I am entitled to a comment of this kind

Now, on the matter which was raised, as far as I remeber— I have

to speak from memory—this has been sprung on me and if I don't say anything, it gets played up in a certain manner. Therefore, all I can say is that one item did come to my notice and I know that it was a burglary, perhaps in the Dalhousie Road. Some files were taken away and action was initiated and there is no question of any action not being initiated. But these files do not relate to Bofors, but to some other matter... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: What is that matter?

SHRI K. C. PANT: I will have to check up... (*Interruptions*)... I will have to check up. I have given you the facts just now. All this agony, beause they were related to Bofors, is we can understand.... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Even if they relate to some other matters, it is serious .... (*Interruptions*) .... Madam this is something more serious ... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: It is very serious... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI Madam, here is an admission by the Government that a burglary did take place at the Defnce Headquarters. It is something more serious... (*Interruptions*) ....

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Madam, it is very serious. I had already said that I was not concerned with the question whether they related to Bofors or not concerned with that. I said categorically that the fact burglars entered the Defence Headquarters by itself was a commentary on the efficiency of the security system of our country. I would like to know whether he is coming out with a statement today or not...

...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: It is a matter of procedure of this House... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute. Regarding the theft of files... (*Interruptions*)... Please hear me (*Interruptions*). Regarding the half of files, whether they relate to Bofors or not, the information should be given by the Government.

SHRI K. C. PANT: I have given that information... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Let the Government make a statement.

SHRI K. C. PANT: I was asked to make some submission on whatever now I know: I was asked by two or three Members. They said,

"Whatever you know."... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: You make the statement... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: You make a statement... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI L. K. ADVANI: You make a statement then... (*Interruption*)...

SHRI K. C. PANT Whatever information I had I have given. I have been courteous in the sense that I have tried to tell whatever I remember. If they had given me notice, I would have given them all the facts, the full facts... (*Interruptions*)... Madam, the only point that was repeatedly made was that these files related to Bofors... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: No, no.... (*Interruptions*) ..

SHRI K. C. PANT: Many Members raised that point. I was listening... (*Interruptions*)...I was listening and I was in the House. I am not speaking from hearsay. I listened to the Members.....
Members...

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Burglary in the Defence Headquarters is a very serious matter...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Silence, please the Minister is going to supply the information...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI K. C. PANT: Madam, please bear with me. This has been sprung on me. Shri Upendra said, "Spare us the agony quickly."
So, I said that...(*Interruptions*)..

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Thank you.

SHRI K. C. PANT: Therefore, Madam, I thought that this point could be taken care of so that it does not get into the debate and does not get high lighted out of proportion. That is what I was trying to point out.

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: (Delhi): Madam, on a point of order... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What is the business before the House now? What is your point of order?

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: It relates to the Minister's statement.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That is over now.

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Madam, it is important. The point is that when the Minister has made a statement on a special mention, he is expected to give replies and reply immediately. Now, in this case,...

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: If he wants he can reply.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): The Minister can intervene at any time.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The procedure is that after a Special Mention is made, the Minister replies to the Member who has raised the Special Mention within a time of three months. This is the usual procedure. Since the Minister was present in the House, they requested the Minister, and he has clarified to whatever extent it was possible.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: It is very kind of you.

**Reported burning of the House of Mrs. Winnie Mandela at Soweto on 28th July, 1988 by Racist Demonstrators.**

SHRI ANAND SHARMA (Himachal Pradesh): Madam, through this Special Mention, I want to draw the attention of this House towards an occurrence in Soweto in South Africa on the 28th of July. On that day the house of the jailed African leader, Mr. Nelson Mandela's wife, Mrs. Winnie Mandela, was burnt by the racist demonstrators.

Madam, this is yet another incident of the continued repression of the people of South Arica and also the atrocities perpetuated on the members of the African National Congress and on the family of Mr. Nelson Mandela, his wife and children.

Only about 15 days ago, the people of India and the people all over the world, launched another campaign on the 70th birthday of Mr. Mandela, renewing their earlier demand for securing release of Mr. Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners in South Africa. Eminent Indians from all walks of life in Delhi and elsewhere had joined hands to raise this demand. There were rallies of hundreds and thousands of people even in cities like London where the Government policy is to support racist regime of Pretoria. Now that regime has been unnerved by this demonstration of global support and they